**LANDSCAPING FOR BUTTERFLIES**

**Choice Plants to Grow:**

Achillea - Yarrow

Agastache - Hyssop

Alcea - Hollyhock

Allium

Alyssum

Anneria - Sea Pinks

Asclepias - Butterfly weed

Asters

Buddleia - Butterfly bush

Campanula - Bellflower

Caryopteris

Catanache - Cupid's Dart

Centranthus - Red Valerian Chrysothamnus - Rabbitbrush Coreopsis

Dianthus

Echinacea - Coneflower

Echinops - Globe thistle

Eriogonum - Sulfur flower

Erysimum - Wallflower

Eupatorium - Joe Pye Weed Gaillardia - Blanket Flower

Gaura - Whirling Butterflies lberis - Candytuft

Lavandula - Lavender

Liatris - Gayflower

Monarda - Beebalm

Origanum - Oregano

Phlox - Tall or Creeping

Rudbeckia - Black eyed Susan Salvia - all Sages

Santolina - Lavendar Cotton Scabiosa - Butterfly Flower Sedum

Solidago - Goldenrod

Thalictrum - Meadowrue

Verbena

Veronica - Speedwell

Zinnia

Adult butterflies live, on average, only six to ten days. In that time, they must mate and lay eggs. They need plants for nesting sites, but also as a food source for their larvae. As the larvae grows, it will consume plant leaves and stems. Accepting plant loss will be well worth it as you observe the full life cycle of a butterfly. Remember, **yards that are sprayed with pesticides and insecticides will kill butterflies and their larvae.** Successful butterfly gardens contain habitats for all life cycles of a butterfly.

CREATE A BUTTERFLY HABITAT:

**Water**

A birdbath filled with flat stones that are partially above the water level offers a landing spot where the butterfly can get a drink. This can easily be achieved with drainage trays of pottery or anything that can hold water.

**Food**

Offer plants that flower from spring through fall for nutrition.

nectar for butterflies. Butterflies will lay eggs on specific plants to offer food for the growing larvae.

**Environment**

Butterflies need protection from wind and be able to sun

themselves to help regulate their body temperature. Gardens with trees, shrubs, ground covers and rocks offer the diverse

environment needed for butterflies.

**Winter** **Hibernation**

Piles of leaves, dormant shrubs and perennials offers a place for

butterflies to hibernate. Resist the urge to tidy up too much in fall.

**Other Plants for Attracting Butterflies:**

Asters

Agastache

Allium

Amorpha

Apache Plume

Barberry

Beauty Bush

Bee Balm

Bird of Paradise

Bluebells

Blue Mist Spirea

Brown Eyed Susan

Butterfly Bush

Butterfly Weed

Calendula

Campanula

Catmint

Chamisa

Columbine

Comfrey

Coneflower

Coralberry

Coreopsis

Cosmos

Crataegus

Currant

Daisy

Datura (moths)

Daylily

Delphinium

Desert Marigold

Dill

Eastern Redbud

Echinacea

Eriogonum

Evening Primrose (moths)

Fennel

Fireweed

Fleabane

Four O’Clocks

Gayfeather

Goldenrod

Gooseberry

Groundsel

Hollyhock

Honeysuckle

Indigo Bush

Iris (moths)

Jacob’s Ladder

Joe Pye Weed

Jupiter’s Beard

Larkspur

Lemon Balm

Lilac

Lilies

Linden Tree

Mint

Mock Orange

Nasturtium

Nicotiana

Ninebark

New Mexican Sunflower

Orange Mt. Daisy

Oregano

Penstemon

Perky Sue

Phlox

Potentilla

Prickly Pear

Raspberry

Red Hot Poker

Rosemary

Roses

Russian Sage

Salvia

Sea Thrift

Sumacs

Sunflowers

St. John’s Wort

Thyme

Upright Sedums

Verbena

Vetch (moths)

Viburnum

Yarrow

Yucca (moths)

Zinnia